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SYSTEM INTERFACE IN A

MULTITHREADED ENVIRONMENT

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Amendment in Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2002, please amend the application as follows. The Remarks accompanying this response start on page 10.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-29 and 67-104, without prejudice, add new claims 105-124 and amend the claims as follows:

> 1-29. Cancelled

30. A method in a computer system for a server to coordinate assignment of a resource to clients, the method comprising:

assigning the resource to a client;

receiving notification from the client assigned to the resource that the client is waiting for an occurrence of an event before the resource can be productively used;

upon receiving the notification, unassigning the resource from the client;

and

after occurrence of the event, reassigning the resource to the client.